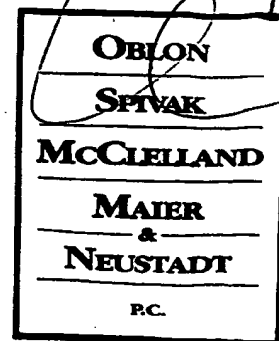




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RE: Application Serial No.: 09/736,147  
Applicants: Yasuo KOBAYASHI, et al.  
Filing Date: December 15, 2000  
For: PROCESSING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REMOVING OXIDE FILM  
Group Art Unit: 1763  
Examiner: T.D. Dang

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

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Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.312, Applicants bring the following to the Examiner's attention.

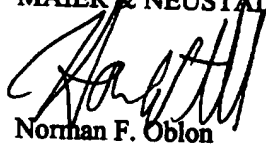
In the amendment filed June 20, 2002, page 8, Applicants stated:

Applicants note that for the Form PTO 1449 included with the IDS filed February 5, 2001, the Examiner has crossed out reference "AW" and written in a reference under "AS", which appears to be intended as the same prior art reference, but stated differently. Applicants note, however, that under "country", the Examiner has written in "EPO", presumably because the furnished patent abstract of Japan contains the heading "European Patent Office". However, the document number refers to a Japan patent publication, not an EPO patent publication. The Examiner is thus requested to correct the initialed Form PTO 1449 by replacing "EPO" with --Japan (with English abstract)--, and include a copy of the corrected form with the next Office communication.

The Notice of Allowance, however, does not indicate whether the Examiner has made the above correction. Accordingly, Applicants again request that the Examiner correct the initialed Form PTO 1449 by replacing "EPO" with --Japan (with English abstract)--, and include a copy of the corrected form with a Supplemental Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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